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AVIUM SUBSPECIES PARATUBERCULOSIS AND USES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.